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Negro Refuses to Yield Place at Virginia's Table

A Negro publisher who "inadvertently" was invited to a dinner for "distinguished Virginians" in Richmond next month plans to be right there when the soup is served unless Gov. Stanley personally tells him not to come.

The publisher, Dr. Cillian B. Powell, who is head of the Amsterdam news in Harlem, yesterday said he intended to ignore a telegram he received from Richard S. Gillis stating that the invitation had been withdrawn.

"My position is that I received the invitation from the Governor under the State seal, and I intend to be there," said Dr. Powell. "Until I receive a withdrawal from the person who sent the invitation, I certainly cannot accept a withdrawal from someone I don't even know."

Mr. Gillis is director of activities for the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, which helped arrange the dinner.

Dr. Powell, a native Virginian and graduate of Virginia State College at Petersburg and Howard University, said the invitation from Gov. Stanley asked him

to attend a dinner May 17 at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, and also to tour Williamsburg and Jamestown the following day in connection with the current Jamestown celebration.

He said he wired his acceptance last Thursday. Yesterday he received the telegram from Mr. Gillis advising him he "inadvertently" had been invited. The telegram asked him to return the bid.

"I am not sending it back, and I will be right there unless the Governor tells me not to come," he declared.

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NEGRO PUBLISHER WON'T LET VIRGINIA CHAMBER BAR HIM

Dr. Clilan B. Powell, Negro publisher of the Amsterdam News said yesterday he planned to attend a dinner for "distinguished Virginians" May 17 despite an attempt to withdraw his invitation.

Dr. Powell said he received the invitation signed by Virginia Gov. Thomas B. Stanley and had made reservations at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond to be there for the affair.

He said he had received a telegram April 9 stating that the invitation was inadvertently issued to him and to please disregard it and return the invitation. However, Powell said, the telegram was signed by Richard F. Gillif, director of activities of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, not the Governor.

"Until I get withdrawal from the Governor I will not consider disregarding the invitation," Powell said. "If the Governor doesn't want me to go I will have to withdraw."

The Chamber of Commerce in Richmond said there had been an error in issuing the invitation.

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(NEGRO)

RICHMOND, VA. -- A NEW YORK NEGRO PUBLISHER WHO WAS SELECTED FROM "WHO'S WHO" TO ATTEND A GATHERING OF DISTINGUISHED VIRGINIA NATIVES HERE MAY 17 SAID TODAY HE PLANS TO BE ON HAND DESPITE ATTEMPTS TO WITHDRAW HIS INVITATION.

BUT VIRGINIA OFFICIALS, "DISTRESSED AS WE CAN BE," INSISTED THE INVITATION WAS ISSUED BECAUSE OF A "CLERICAL ERROR."

DR. CLILAN B. POWELL, PUBLISHER OF THE AMSTERDAM NEWS, SAID IN NEW YORK HIS INVITATION WAS SIGNED BY GOV. THOMAS B. STANLEY OF VIRGINIA. HE SAID HE MADE RESERVATIONS AT THE JOHN MARSHALL HOTEL FOR THE AFFAIR. THE ALL-WHITE HOTEL SAID IT HAS RECEIVED NO REQUEST FOR RESERVATIONS FROM POWELL AND HAS MADE NONE.

ON TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK, POWELL SAID, HE RECEIVED A TELEGRAM SAYING THE INVITATION WAS ISSUED TO HIM INADVERTENTLY AND TO PLEASE DISREGARD AND RETURN IT. HOWEVER, THE NEGRO ADDED, THE TELEGRAM WAS SIGNED BY RICHARD J. GILLIS, DIRECTOR OF THE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NOT THE GOVERNOR.

"UNTIL I GET A WITHDRAWAL FROM THE GOVERNOR I WILL NOT CONSIDER DISREGARDING THE INVITATION," POWELL SAID. "IF THE GOVERNOR DOESN'T WANT ME TO GO I WILL HAVE TO WITHDRAW."

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Invitation to Negro To Richmond Fete Canceled as Error

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP).—Dr. Chiles B. Powell, prominent New York Negro and a native of Virginia, has been asked to return an invitation to a dinner in his home State to which he was invited last week by the Governor himself.

Dr. Powell, publisher of the Amsterdam News in Harlem, had already accepted the invitation to the dinner "for distinguished Virginians" in Richmond on May 17. The dinner was described as part of a celebration of the 350th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in America, at Jamestown.

The invitation was signed by Gov. Thomas B. Stanley and Frank A. Ernst, president of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

A request for the return of the invitation was telegraphed Tuesday.

In Richmond, the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, Vernon Kemp, said last night "there had been an error" in issuing the invitation. He said the names of the some 600 persons invited had been "compiled variously."

Dr. Powell, a physician as well as a publisher, was born in Newport News, Va., in 1894. In "Who's Who in America" he is listed as a graduate of Virginia Normal College and Howard University, both Negro institutions.

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